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SUBJECT: C STAFF NOTES ONE

1. ROMANIA. FOR REASONS YOU CAN WELL IMAGINE, THE SYSTEM IS FINDING IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO PRODUCE A CLEARED MEMO TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY ON THE THREE OUTSTANDING HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES--HUNGARIAN MINORITY, IFI'S, AND RAUTA. IF YOU HAVE A FEW MINUTES ON THE WAY BACK, YOU MIGHT DISCUSS THESE WITH HIM. ESSENTIALLY, HA WOULD LIKE ALL THREE RAISED DURING THE VISIT (PRESUMABLY AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL), EUR WANTS NO DISCUSSION OF THE FIRST TWO IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT AND RAISING OF RAUTA DURING THE VISIT ONLY BY YOU OR VEST, AND S/P TAKES A MIDDLE GROUND RECOMMENDING RAISING THE FIRST TWO AT THE SECRETARY-
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FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL AND YOU OR VEST RAISING RAUTA.

2. RADIOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS. THERE

WILL BE A COURT HEARING ON A LAW SUIT APRIL 3 IN HONOLULU. THIS SUIT DEALS WITH THE U.S. NOT FULFILLING OUR OBLIGATION TO SURVEY AND ADEQUATELY CLEAN UP AFTER THE NUCLEAR

TESTS. THIS WEEK, OMB WILL PROBABLY ASK ONE OF THE CONCERNED DEPARTMENTS TO REPROGRAM THE NECESSARY \$3-ODD MILLION TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY. HOWEVER, FINAL DECISIONS WILL NOT BE MADE IN TIME FOR THIS SUIT DATE OR TO BE MENTIONED AT HILO. SO FAR, MEDIA COVERAGE, INCLUDING MONDAY'S FRONT PAGE WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE, HAS NOT BEEN CRITICAL.

3. MICRONESIA NEGOTIATIONS. HILO MEETING IS DEFINATELY SET FOR APRIL 7-9. OMB OPPOSES, MUCH MORE STRONGLY THAN WE THOUGHT, THE CONCEPT OF MAINTAINING LEVELS OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN CASE OF U.S. UNILATERAL TERMINATION. IRA WILL EXPLAIN OUR POSITION TO ARMACOST.

4. PERSONNEL. STEVE HOGARD WILL DEFINITELY BE HERE TN LATE JUNE OR EARLY JULY.

5. NIGERIA. RON SHELP, AIG, CALLED RE PRESS GUIDANCE ON THEIR NIGERIA PROBLEM. HE SAID THE NEW YORK TIMES AND PERHAPS OTHERS HAD BEEN CALLING GREENBERG AND DID WE HAVE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS. CHARLIE NOTED THAT MEETING WITH CRV HAD NOT BEEN ON MONDAY'S PUBLIC SCHEDULE, AND THAT IF AIG MENTIONED MEETINGS WITH STATE OFFICIALS WITH PRESS, IT WAS LIKELY TO BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE WITH NIGERIANS. SHELP OFFERED THAT AIG WOULD PROBABLY JUST RECOUNT FACTS OF SITUATION TO PRESS AND SAY THAT AIG HAD BRIEFED THE
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DEPARTMENT ON THE SITUATION. - -

6. HUNGARY. NAGY WILL VISIT WASHINGTON JUNE 29 AND 30. EUR SAID VEST WILL HOST HIS VISIT UNLESS YOU PREFERRED TO. IRA TOLD GERTH YOU HAD NO OBJECTION.

7. SALT. THE COMMITTEE ON THE PRESENT DANGER TODAY RELEASED CRITIQUE OF SALT PROCESS AND AN ANALYSIS OF THE CONSEQUENCES, AS THEY SEE THEM, OF SALT II TREATY. THE NITZE PRESS CONFERENCE AT WHICH THIS WAS DONE WAS POORLY ATTENDED, WITH NO MORE THAN A DOZEN REPORTERS PRESENT. STATEMENT IS MUTED, FAIRLY RESTRAINED CRITIQUE WHICH DIVULGES SOME PROTOCOL DETAILS NOT RELEASED OFFICIALLY. NO PRESS PLAY YET, ALTHOUGH IT IS STILL EARLY. PENTAGON WILL BE RESPONDING IF NEEDED, AND DEPARTMENT HAS MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH THEM. COMMITTEE WILL REPORTEDLY BE SPONSORING TWO-DAY CONFERENCE THIS WEEKEND ON SALT FOR CONGRESSIONAL STAFF. COOPER

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